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### **Yokota Air Base provides support for earthquake victims**

YOKOTA Air Base, Japan – C-130 aircraft from the 374<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing will provide mission support to a forward operation base at Utaphao, Thailand, due to a major earthquake and tsunami that devastated coastal regions in Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and India on Sunday.

Once the mission support package is established at the base, aircraft will conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in the region.

“The 374<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing is honored to provide support to the victims of this terrible earthquake,” said Col. Mark Schissler, 374<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander. “As soon as we received word that the earthquake victims needed our help, we immediately activated forces to provide assistance. We are proud that we are able to quickly respond to the needs of the earthquake victims.”

The 374<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing delivered emergency supplies to assist Hanshin-Awaji earthquake victims in 1995 and also to earthquake victims in Niigata in October.

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